

related to business considerations and commercial competition rather than any reason related to patentability. Claim 13 has been amended to conform it to claims 1-3.

Support for the amendments to the claims is found at least on pages 12 and 14 of the specification as originally filed. No new matter has been introduced, and entry of the amended claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants note that the above amendments are believed to have no effect on the nature of the invention, the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed November 22, 2000, or the validity and applicability of the arguments in the Response to Restriction Requirement filed February 22, 2001.

In the event that the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. **273012011100**. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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